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ING AT BELGRADE, SENEGALESE VIEWS

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SUMMARY:

1. CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY POL OFF, RAISED ISSUES REFTELS WITH GOS
FOREIGN MINISTRY (BALLA DIA - UN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS).
ON CUBA, BALLA SAID, SENGHOR'S CONCERN ABOUT CUBAN-SOVIET
ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA HAS BEEN PUBLICALLY STATED. GOS WILL
FORCEFULLY PURSUE ANTI-CUBAN INTERVENTION LINE AT BELGRADE IS
ISSUE IS RAISED, BUT DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE
ISSUE.

ON MIDDLE EAST, BALLA DIA, WHILE REITERATING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE
PLO, SAID THAT GOS FAVORS DIALOGUE ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND ITS
POSITION AT BELGRADE WILL BE "FAIRLY PRO-EGYPT".

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GOS WILL NOT RAISE ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUA
BUT HAS AND WILL IN FUTURE

VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUCH RESOLUTIONS WHEN IT JUDGES THE SUBJECT
GERMANE TO THE FORUM.

ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, PUERTO RICO AND KOREA, GOS VIEWS CLOSELY
PARRALLEL OUR OWN. BALLA DIA WOULD NOT COMMIT HIMSELF ON GOS
POSITION RE "NEW INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION ORDER."

2. IN DISCUSSING CUBA AND THE NAM, BALLA DIA EMPHASIZED SENGHOR'S ANGER WITH THE DOUBLE STANDARD WHICH CONDEMNS "WESTERN NEOCOLONIALISM" WHILE SUPPORTING OR TOLERATING SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION. SENGHOR'S INCREASING ATTACKS ON "HEGEMONISM" - CODE WORD FOR SOVIET AFRICAN INITIATIVES - LEAVE NO DOUBT AS TO THE SENEGALESE POSITION AT BELGRADE. DIA ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO RECENT STRONG STATEMENTS BY SENGHOR AT SENEGALESE SOCIALIST PARTY SESSION JULY 15 (DAKAR'S 5465).

3. GOS POSITION ON ZIONISM/RACISM WILL BE ON OPPOSITE SIDE FROM US IF SUBJECT COMES TO A VOTE AT BELGRADE. HOWEVER, BALLA DIA STRESSED THAT GOS OPPOSES RAISING ZIONISM/RACISM ISSUE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WHERE IT IS NOT GERMANE. HE POINTED OUT GOS ABSTENTION ON ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION IN WHO VOTE. HE LEFT IMPRESSION THAT GOS ABSTENTION WAS BASED ON PRAGMATIC DESIRE NOT TO WEAKEN INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ORGANIZATIONS BY INTRODUCING CONTENTIOUS AND EXTRANEIOUS ISSUES. HE UNDERLINED GOS DECISIONS ON ISSUE ARE MADE ON CASE BY CASE BASIS AND THAT THE BELGRADE NAM FORUM IS A POLITICAL ONE WHERE SENEGAL WILL VOTE ACCORDING TO ITS PRINCIPLES.

4. ON NAMIBIA, BALLA DIA, IN EXPRESSING GOS APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORTS, STRESSED SENEGALESE POLICY OF SUPPORTING SWAPO POSITIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT UNLESS MORE SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT REACHED ON WALVIS BAY, THIS WOULD TORPEDO ANY SETTLEMENT.
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5. BALLA DIA STATED ON PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE ISSUE THAT IT IS UP TO THE PEOPLE THERE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO BE INDEPENDENT OR NOT. THIS IS CONSISTANT WITH THE GOS WORLD-WIDE POSITION ON QUESTIONS OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THERE IS NO INTEREST IN RAISING PUERTO RICO AS AN ISSUE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. GOS HAS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE TWO KOREAS AND BOTH HAVE EMBASSIES IN DAKAR. SENGHOR BELIEVES THAT KOREAN ISSUES SHOULD BE SETTLED BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

7. DISCUSSING MASS MEDIA FREEDOM QUESTION BALLA DIA SHOWED GREAT AMBIVALENCE SAYING THE GOS SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE SPEECH AND PRESS, AND HAS GENERALLY OBSERVED ITS PRINCIPLES. HE ADDED THAT IN PRACTICE THERE ARE SOME QUIET LIMITS TO GOS TOLERATION AND NEWS BUREAUS HAVE BEEN LIMITED. BALLA DIA CLAIMED LEVEL OF LIBERALISM DESIRED BY US REQUIRES LEVEL OF CITIZEN SOPHISTICATION LACKING IN THE THIRD WORLD. BALLA DIA WOULD NOT STATE WHAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WOULD BE AT BELGRADE.

8. COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION TO BELGRADE NOT COMPLETELY FIRM
AS PRINCIPALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER BABACAR BA,
WHO IS SCHEDULED TO HEAD GOS TEAM, ARE AT OAU MEETING IN
KHARTOUM. BALLA DIA, HIMSELF, WILL BE AT BELGRADE.
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